

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0030] as follows;

[0030] The game is played by wagering credits on the desired paylines and the game is initiated. The game blocks are illustrated in Figure 8 and described further below. The desired paylines are compared to the winning combinations and paid according to the pay table. Next, the paylines are compared to the triggering combination and if the three apples are present the bonus round is initiated. The controller 22 provides a number of free spins according to the number of apples and the pay table. A bonus animation is then activated and bonus characters, e.g., three bees, fly out of a hive, as in Figure 4, the reels spin, and the bees attach randomly to the reel cells causing the cell position to become wild for that spin. This is repeated for each of the free spins.

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows;

[0046] Many modifications and variations of the present invention are possible in light of the above teachings. The invention may be practiced otherwise than as specifically described within the scope of the appended claims ~~wherein that which is prior art is antecedent to the novelty set forth in the "characterized by" clause. The novelty is meant to be particularly and distinctly recited in the "characterized by" clause whereas the antecedent recitations merely set forth the old and well-known combination in which the invention resides. These antecedent recitations should be interpreted to cover any combination in which the incentive novelty exercises its utility.~~